MARION ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

8 January 2014

1. The meeting convened at 5:00 PM at the home of Bill Saltonstall, 159 Front Street, Marion, MA

2. EMC attendees:

David Pierce Bill Saltonstall

Jennifer Francis Eileen Marum

- 3. The minutes from November 25, 2013 were approved.
- 4. A motion was made by David Pierce for the Energy Management Committee to endorse the Explore Home Solar (EHS) event to be held Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion, MA 02738. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Bill Saltonstall updated the EMC regarding vendors and guest speaker State Senator Marc Pacheco. Several owners of home solar installations will be available to comment on their home solar experience. Several contractors will be notified regarding the EHS event. The subcommittee agreed that telephone contact was important. Press Releases have been sent. Bill Saltonstall and Jennifer Francis will meet with news reporters and ORCTV to talk about and promote the EHS event. Select Board and Planning Board members will be invited.
- 6. TNT Consultants followed up with efficiency upgrades, which gives the community a chance to promote NSTAR's energy efficiency programs through grants.
- 7. After the EHS event, Seth Pickering will be contacted regarding a Stretch Code presentation to create a higher tier of Energy Conservation than the baseline energy conservation requirements of the Massachusetts State Building Code.
- 8. A Green Community designation for Marion would place the Town as an energy leader in Massachusetts, making Marion eligible for state grants and energy-efficiency resources. Jennifer remarked that we have already made significant progress toward most of the state's criteria.
- 9. Bill to speak with Judy Mooney regarding the MASS Energy Insight Program.
- 10. Contact Karen Stewart of the SouthCoast Energy Challenge regarding bus tours of solar installations in the Tri-Town area and securing help from SouthCoast Energy Challenge interns for the EHS event.
- 11. Energy wise articles: Bill and Jen will meet with news reporters and ORCTV. Flyers are ready for distribution.
- 12. Next meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 2014 at the Music Hall at 7 p.m.

- 13. Future Energy Management Committee meeting dates for 2014: February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 24, no meeting in December. All meetings are held at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street and begin at 7 p.m.
- 14. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen J. Marum

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